



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon
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Crestwood, MO 63126

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DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am
or by appointment

DIVINE LITURGY/HOLY MASS:

Saturday: 4:00pm- Roman
5:15pm— Maronite
Sunday: 8am and 10:30am—Roman
Monday-Friday: 8am
Tuesday & Thursday: 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00pm; Sunday: 9:45am

MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

Sacrament of Baptism: call the rectory 1 month in advance to schedule an appointment and date with Msgr. John

Sacrament of Matrimony: call the rectory 6 months in advance (1 year in advance if there are canonical issues)

Visitation and Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory; Msgr. John's emergency contact is on the answering machine

Intentions for Divine Liturgy: call the rectory, mail, or email your intentions



4TH SUNDAY OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Liturgy p. 315
Gen 1:20-23
Heb 13:18-25
John 21:1-14



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

**DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS
DOWNTOWN:**

Sat. April 25	<i>St. Mark the Evangelist</i>
Sun. April 26 10:15 am	4TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION +Ameal Nassif By Charles & Theresa Miller +Loretta Koram McDermott By Mary & John Denny +James, Elizabeth and Mark Crenshaw by Michael and Marie Crenshaw +Ralph Wahby By Donna Shaheen +Gloria 'Skip' Leisure By Debbie Elking +Enas Issou By Dr. Ed & Rima Cabbabe
Mon. April 27 12:00 pm	<i>St. Simon the brother of the Lord</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. April 28	<i>Yasoun and Wasosibtros, martyrs.</i>
Wed. April 29 12:00 pm	<i>St. Catherine of Sienna</i> Joseph Patrick Jibben By Joel and Christa Donley
Thurs. April 30	<i>St. James son of Zebedee, the brother of the Lord</i>
Fri. May 1 12:00 pm	<i>Jeremiah, the prophet</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. May 2	<i>Athanasius, Patriarch of Alexandria</i>
Sun. May 3 10:15 am	5TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION, Our Lady First Holy Communion For all Communicants, Rel Ed Teachers +Shirley Milford By Ramona Milford +George Winebright By David & Effie Westphal
12:30 pm	Repose of the soul of Adel Kutaimi By his daughter Luma & Riyadh Hindi

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. April 25 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St. Mark the Evangelist</i> Vittorio Moran +Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Jodi & Cathi Slinkard Neal Alster by Pat Alster
Sun. April 26 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Joan & Katherine McDonald Mary Ojile
Mon. April 27 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Zita of Lucca</i> Gasper Gioeli by Steven Gilroy
Tue. April 28 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Louis de Montfort</i> Art & Madge Doerr Neal Alster by Pat Alster
Wed. April 29 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Catherine of Siena</i> Jean Brendel
Thurs. April 30 8:00 pm RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Pius V</i> Poppy Cazda Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster
Fri. May 1 8:00 am	<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i> Aaron & Neal Alster by Pat Alster
Sat. May 2 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St. Athanasius</i> Raffaello Moran Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster
Sun. May 3 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Linda Hill Kevin Hall

**WEEKLY FINANCES 4/19/2026
ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:**

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	334
Checks/Envelopes	602
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	1
Checks/Envelopes	100
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	27
Checks/Envelopes	210
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	177
Checks/Envelopes	390
Candles	80
Pickleball	200
Revenue during the week	3,680
Second Collection	
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds	756.29
Expenses (remodeling rectory expenses)	\$10,221.55

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	25
Checks/Envelopes	30
10:15amm Sunday	
Loose cash	217
Checks/Envelopes	1,751
Revenue during the week	2,175
Candles	198
Coffee hour	432
2nd Collection	681
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,513
Expenses	\$10,668.68

WED LUNCH 4/22/2026

Income	5,236.41
Expenses	\$1,501.64





A note from the pastor

Saint Raymond— Saint Elizabeth
Mission Weekend
April 24-26, 2026

Walking in the Footsteps of Mary

We invite all parishioners to join us for a beautiful weekend of inspiration, reflection & fellowship.

Friday April 24: Meet & Greet (St. R-St. E Church)
5:00-7:00PM Friendraiser with Sr. Therese Maria

Saturday April 25: Retreat Day (St. R-St. E Church)

- 11:00 Welcome & Prayer & Icebreaker
- 11:15 Talk #1 Mary's Receptivity & Small Groups
- 12:05 Lunch & Fellowship**
- 12:35 Talk #2 Mary's Generosity & Small Groups
- 1:30 Rosary (Joyful Mystery)
- 2:00 Confession/Silent Adoration/Guided Reflection
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 Talk #3 Mary's Humility
- 4:00 Roman Catholic Liturgy
- 5:15 Maronite Liturgy & Sister to speak after Liturgy

Sunday April 26: (St. Raymond's Cathedral)

- 10:15 Divine Liturgy & Sister to speak after Liturgy
- 11:30 Rosary Making with the Children Ministry & MYO
- 3:00-5:00PM MYA Social Hour & Discussion

RSVP by April 17 to Denise at 314-629-7645 or
St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth 314-621-0056 or 314-968-0760

**** For Meal preparation RSVP Required**

Retreat Speaker for the Parish Mission:

Sr. Therese Maria Touma from the
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light.

To learn more about the sisters or to support their
mission visit maroniteservants.org
or scan the QR Code.



May Crowning of the the Blessed Virgin Mary:

- ☩ Sun. May 3rd at St. Raymond Cathedral By the Ladies' Sodality
- ☩ Sat. May 9th at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth Church By the First Communicants and Rel Ed Students

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
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ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds
Downtown:
straymond-mc.org/online-giving

MERCY MEAL

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical
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ST RAYMOND'S BANQUET HALL

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YOUTH MINISTER

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Carla Aouad
Margo Kassab

YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, April 25 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, April 26 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, May 2 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, May 3 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton

UP COMING EVENTS

- *April 25-26: Parish Ladies' Sodality Retreat
- *May 3: First Communion
- *May 5-13: Our Lady of Fatima Novena
- *May 10: Mother's Day
- *June 6: Golf Tournament
- *June 7-11: Vacation Bible School
- *June 23-28: Youth National Conference
Univ. of Dayton OH
- *June 29-July 5: NAM Conv., San Diego, CA
- *Sep. 18,19,20: Lebanese Festival
- *Sep. 28- Oct. 9: Trip to Lebanon
- *Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- *Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- *Dec. 3: Men's Christmas Dinner
- *Sun Dec. 6: Breakfast with Santa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Tom Hearst	Janet Zhakaria
Victor Sciarrino	John Cleary
Rosalie Hubert	Tom Morrow
Mike McSorley Sr.	Marie Kallial
James Brumfield	Rob Turner
Cathy Seemayer	Emil Salman
Mary Lou Works	Jennifer Van Luven
Chris Nelms	Janet Emerson
Ted Arunski	Burton Droste
Dave Holdinghausen	Gabe Vollet
Michelle Bausworth	Barb Rohr
Tom Saucier	Gerry Nassif
Rhoda Simpher	Tim Gamma
Patricia Beck	Munir Matar
Don Ganim	Rima Cabbabe
John Anton	Lynn Kersting
Jim Hoffman	Mary Saucier
Richard Baker Sr	
Patrick Carr	
Steve Baker	

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

We welcome Sr. Therese Touma from the Maronite servants of Christ the Light for a weekend, April 25– April 26 full of prayers and meeting with different groups from our parish. For more info, see flyer in the back of the bulletin.

COFFEE HOUR Sun April 26

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors to the Cedars hall right after 10:15am Divine Liturgy for Coffee and donuts, prepared and served by the Ladies' Sodality, thank you!

NO NOON MASS SUN APRIL 26

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. April 27, 8:30am–5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. April 27, at 5:45pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church (Visit from the Daughters of St. Paul).

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. April 29, 2026, On Tuesday, April 28, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves and another shift at 2pm for April 28th. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square (<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>). Dine in and Carry out are both available. Thank you! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Christian documentary movie on Thurs. April 30th, after 8am Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The parish pastoral and finance councils will meet Thursday, April 30, at 6:30pm at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

FAMILY NIGHT

An evening full of fun for families at the Cedars on Sat. May 2nd, for more info see flyer in the back of the bulletin.

FIRST COMMUNION OF OUR CHILDREN

Sunday, May 3, Fifteen of our children will receive their First Holy Communion at 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral. Let us keep them and all our children in our prayers.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

More than 100 years ago, Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima Portugal. The annual novena in her honor begins May 5-13th at 6:45pm each evening, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church. If you can volunteer to lead the rosary or do the readings one or more evenings please contact Roxanne Elking <dennyelking@yahoo.com>

OCIA CLASS

We are changing OCIA to meet once per month on May 21st at 6:30pm. If you like to know more about the Catholic/Maronite Faith, please join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults OCIA. For more info Jacob Garanzini <jacob.hart.g@gmail.com>



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY & ASSISTANCE FUND:

Please consider making a monetary donation to the St. Raymond Food Pantry Assistance Fund to help with rent, utilities, and medical expenses for those in our parish who are in need. You may contribute through on-line giving or by personal check payable to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral. If paying by personal check, please write "Food Pantry Assistance Fund" in the note section of your donation in the weekly collection or mail it to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63104. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNION CALLS & HOME VISITS

If you are sick or homebound and would like a Communion minister to come to your home, please let us know! Contact the office to get in touch: (314) 968-0760 or email deacon Bill WilliamMeister@archstl.org

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Monday

Adoration 8:30-5pm

Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass
Patriotic Rosary at 5:15pm

1st Friday

Sacred Heart Litany

4th Saturday of the Month

Rosary at noon for Intentions at Fatima.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

- ✠ Marwan Sholy 4-13-2026
- ✠ Jean Brendel 4-9-2026
- ✠ Bro Leo Slay 3-20-2026
- ✠ Ralph Wahby 3-13-2026
- ✠ Dorothy Smith 2-25-2026
- ✠ Patricia Warfel 2-27-2026
- ✠ Ameal Nassif 2-24-2026
- ✠ Steven Vidra 2-2-2026
- ✠ Mary Ojile 1-30-2026
- ✠ Gloria 'Skip' Leisure 1-13-2026
- ✠ Christine Van Doren 11-30-2025
- ✠ Janet Wright 11-14-2025
- ✠ Gus Millati 11-13-2025
- ✠ Patricia Augustyniak 11-1-2025
- ✠ Terry Leong 10-31-2025
- ✠ Jad Michel Gennaoui 10-17-2025
- ✠ Milad Abounader 10-6-2025
- ✠ Carol Bilger 9-25-2025

CONFIRMATION

Thursday, May 14, at 6pm, 6 of our confirmation class candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop A. Elias Zaidan. Let keep them in our prayers.

35th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, 35th Annual Golf Tournament at Oak Valley Golf Course and Resort on Saturday, June 6th, 2026. For Registration/Sponsorship and additional information please log on to the link: [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events \(straymond-mc.org\)](http://St.RaymondMaroniteCathedral:Events(straymond-mc.org))

ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High School and College student scholarship applications are at St. Raymond Cathedral and St Raymond– St Elizabeth Church foyers and websites [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships](http://St.RaymondMaroniteCathedral:Scholarships) For NAM Scholarship information and application visit www.namaronites.org, e-mail scholarship@namaronites.vorg or call NAM at 440-821-6303

REGISTRATION FOR REL ED & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2026-2027, and for the Vacation Bible School June 7-11, 2026. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org>

APRIL- MAY SHOWER FOR OUR LADY'S INN

The Ladies Society will be collecting items for Our Lady's Inn. Please see wish list in the vestibule of the church or find the wish list on Our Lady's Inn website. Items can be dropped off in the vestibule of either church in box provided until May 11, 2026. Thank you for your generosity!

HELP TO CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN LEBANON

SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE BORDER SOUTHERN TOWNS OF LEBANON

We are praying for peace in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the world. Caritas Lebanon always is helping the families in need with food, medicine, and shelter. You may donate to help the families affected by the war.
1/ You can go to www.CaritasLebanon.org and donate
2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104
3/ Stock donations, contact your financial advisor to donate stock to "St. Raymonds Church" account number 5887-3955 DTC# 0141 @ Wells Fargo
4/ wire transfer to Bank of America (call 314 621 0056)



PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees, including for Lebanese and Autumn Festivals of St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church have to do online training for the Protection of God's Children and Safe Environment, at

<https://eparchyofourladyoflebanon.cmgconnect.org/>

For any questions, please contact Msgr. John



Dear Families, April 21, 2026

A Blessed and Happy third week of the Resurrection to you! In this jubilant Season many of the students are preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation! Please pray for them during their holy time of preparation.

Prayers for Pope Leo XIV during his first year as Pope!
Coming up Next week:

- The Daughters of St Paul will visit the classrooms next week and lead evening prayer.
- Trivia Night will be held on Monday, May 4th Families and friends are invited to join the fun.



Calendar

- *Monday, April 27, 2026 Class Sisters from the Daughters of St. Paul visit
- *Monday, May 4, 2026 Class Family Fun Trivia
- * School's Out for Summer Vacation!

*June 7-June 11th US Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus VBS REGISTER NOW PSR AND VBS

Sacramental Calendar 2026

First Holy Communion

First Communion Practice Saturday, May 2, 2026, 10:30-11:30
1st Holy Communion Divine Liturgy
St Raymond Cathedral Sunday, May 3 arrive at 9:00 am 10:15-11:30

Confirmation

Confirmation Practice St Raymond -St Elizabeth 5:30pm Monday May 11, 2026
Confirmation Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
St Raymond- St Elizabeth Thursday, May 14, 2026 6:00pm

May Crowning St Raymond - St Elizabeth May 9, 2026 4:00pm Mass

First Communicants

Allison Eve Abodeely	Desirae Helena Arenas	Charlotte Theresa Cullins	Talia Michelle Day
Mason Gibson Gauch	Lukas Hleiss Vincent Hleiss	Catherine Issawi	Margaret Issawi
Charbel Kassab	Caden James Kopecky	Mary Loyet	Emilia Grace Malo
Kayden Riley	Carter Riley	George Simon	Lucy Ann Wiegert

Confirmation

Camila JoAnn Abeln	Emma Sofia Enamorado Pineda	Kaelyn Mia Parrott
James Lafayette Parrott IV	Patrick Lawrence Duke	Marilyn Miller Bain

St. Raymond Cathedral Youth MYO

FAMILY NIGHT

MAY 02, 2026 · 5 TO 10 PM

ADULTS \$60 12&UNDER \$20

THE CEDARS BANQUET HALL
939 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

It's a seated dinner so please be prompt.
Doors open at 5:00 pm with appetizers and salads.
Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.
Security and police will be present for the entire time.

For tickets and seat reservation contact
Carla 314-660-9031, Elssy 636-219-2125
All reservations are due by March, 31st.
NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

All proceeds will benefit St. Raymond youth activities.

2026 Novena to Our Lady of Fatima



"Tell Everybody that God Grants Us Graces Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary... And that the Heart of Jesus Wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be Venerated at His Side." Jacinta to Sister Lucy

**Where: St Raymond – St Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church
1420 South Sappington Rd, Crestwood MO 63126**

- May 5 Tues Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (M) 7 pm - Father Anthony Simon
- May 6 Wed Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7 pm - Father Jack Siefert
- May 7 Thurs Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7 pm - Father Robert Lawson
- May 8 Fri Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Anthony Simon
- May 9 Sat Holy Mass (M) 5:15 pm & Holy Rosary 6:15 pm - Monsignor John Nahal
- May 10 Sun Holy Rosary 10:00 am & Holy Mass (R) 10:30 am - Father Anthony Simon
- May 11 Mon Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Monsignor Timothy Cronin
- May 12 Tues Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Ryan Quarnstrom
- May 13 Wed Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Robert Lawson - Deacon John Paul Angeli (Homolist)

Enrollment in Brown Scapular After Last Mass

(R) Roman Rite (M) Maronite Rite